

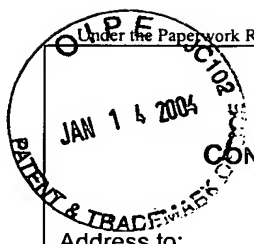
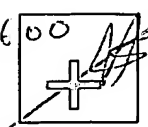
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| Application Number | 09/782,184 |
| Filing Date | February 12, 2001 |
| First Named Inventor | Sands et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 1616 |
| Examiner Name | S. Gollamudi |
| Attorney Docket Number | 12636-898 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. s 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 20000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.**

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

ii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103 for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. ☐ Other

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

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In re application of:

Sands et al.

Serial No.: 09/782,184

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For: **Injectable Pharmaceutical
Composition Comprising
Microdroplets of a Camptothecin**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated October 16, 2003, please. A request for continued examination (RCE) of the present application is submitted herewith. Reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.